

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation resolves conflict under existing ambiguous and archaic statutes governing emergency medical services. Existing laws have resulted in overlapping jurisdictions without a method for shared governance and the coordination of services among and between ambulance districts, fire districts, counties and cities. The lack of a mandate for coordination has led to inconsistent levels of patient care, conflicting medical direction, funding issues and local disputes and have left some areas of the state without emergency medical services at all.

This legislation will provide a framework for emergency medical service providers and agencies to coordinate efforts between local providers and assure accountability and viability of the system while maintaining local autonomy. This legislation will create an effective and efficient systems approach that is centered around quality and timely patient care, limit the duplication of services and make best use of taxpayer funds.

FISCAL NOTE

No impact to the General Fund. At the local level, motor vehicle registration fees that are currently used by counties for emergency medical services will be used to operate emergency medical services system authorities.

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